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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS COSTA RICA

1. PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOSE DE LA PUENTE ENDED A
CORDIAL TWO DAY VISIT TO COSTA RICA JULY 1.
DE LA PUENTE'S VISIT WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY HIS SIGNING A
FIFTEEN POINT COSTA RICAN - PERUVIAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT.
THE DOCUMENT SUPPORTS:
-- PANAHJ IN ITS CANAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S.:
-- THE LATIN AMERICA INTEGRATION PROGRAM;
-- SELA;
-- JUST PRICES FOR RAW MATERIALS FOR LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS;
-- A TWO HUNDRED MILE MARITIME ECONOMIC ZONE FOR LITTORAL
STATES;
-- SOLIDARITY WITH THOSE SEEKING TO LIMIT UNNECESSARY
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MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN THE HEMISPHERE;
-- INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AND CULTURAL AFD
EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO NATIONS.
REGARDING THE LATTER, DE LA PUENTE TOLD THE PRESS THAT A
PERUVIAN COMMERCIAL MISSION WOULD VISIT COSTA RICA IN THE
NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2. AT A PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE SIGNING CEREMONY, DE LA PUENTE DECLARED THAT FREE ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN PERU WITHIN TWO YEARS AND THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARING FOR THE TRANSFER OF POWER. HE INDICATED THAT THIS INCLUDES THE GRADUAL RESTORATION OF A FREE PRESS AND FREE EXPRESSION IN PERU. HE CITED THE REAPPEARANCE OF A NUMBER OF PUBLICATIONS AND MAGAZINES AS EVIDENCE OF THIS PROGRESS.

3. CONCERNING PERUVIAN - CHILEAN RELATIONS, HE DECLARED THAT RUMORS OF AN IMPENDING CLASH BETWEEN THE TWO NEIGHBORS ARE FALSE. HE ADDED THAT BOTH NATIONS HAD LAUNCHED AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PUT THESE RUMORS TO REST.

4. DE LA PUENTE STRESSED THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE REGION. HE DECLARED THAT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS COULD BE DANGEROUS IF NOT CONTROLLED. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ANDEAN PACT NATIONS HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR INTERNAL ECONOMIES AND TO ESTABLISH COMMON STANDARDS SO THAT MULTINATIONALS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

5. DE LA PUENTE ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT ODUBER. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, THEY DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS AND COSTA RICA'S FAMILY ALLOWANCES PROGRAM AS IT PERTAINS TO RURAL SCHOOL NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS.

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6. COMMENT: FORMIN FACIO TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE WAS MOST IMPRESSED WITH PERU'S CIVILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, AND THAT COSTA RICA HAS HOPES FOR PERU'S RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. AS THERE ARE NO OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, IT SEEMS THAT DE LA PUENTE TOOK GOOD ADVANTAGE OF HIS COSTA RICAN STOP TO USRUCE UP RELATIONS AND TO IMPROVE HIS COUNTRY'S IMAGE. HE DID A CREDIBLE JOB.

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